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TO:

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP), Region One, is distributing an environmental assessment (EA) for the Thompson River Co-Gen Project for the purpose of a power line easement across the Mt. Silcox Wildlife Management Area (WMA) for the construction of a transmission line for delivery of electrical power from the Thompson River Co-Gen Project to North Western Energy for service to Montana consumers.

The draft is out for public review through December 5, 2003. Please direct your questions or comments to Darlene Edge, Lands Agent, Attn: Mt. Silcox Easement EA, FWP, P.O. Box 200701, Helena, MT 59620-0701, or e-mail to dedge@state.mt.us.

Sincerely,

Daniel P. Vincent Regional Supervisor

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